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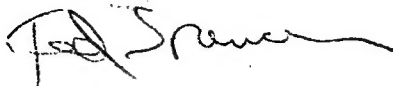
Dear Hank,

This note is to thank you and the Agency once again for all your help in my brief tenure as DCI-designate and to confirm my telephone request to you of three weeks ago -- namely, that each of the secretaries, lawyers, assistants, security personnel, kitchen staff, drivers and others who gave so unstintingly of their time and talent during some very long nights and days receive a special word of thanks. I only regret that I cannot write each of them individually.

I regret as well that their work was in the end for naught, and that I will not have the privilege of working with you, [redacted] and all the deputies and senior staff whom I met and with whom I was so favorably impressed. Please convey my thanks, regrets and best wishes to all of them, and to Dan my hope in addition that his wife is speedily recovering.

Again, my personal thanks to you, Hank.

Sincerely,



Theodore C. Sorensen

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Dear Ted:

Thank you so much for your warm letter of February 7. I, too, am sorry we will not be working together in an Agency that has endured much but that perseveres with a deep sense of its ability to contribute constructively to our Government and our society.

I have indeed passed word of your tribute to those you met here and I attach a copy of an Employee Bulletin circulated the very day you asked me to pass the word.

All of us wish you and Mrs. Sorensen nothing but the best for the future. When you pass through our town, please call and plan on dropping by. You are more than welcome.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hanno".

E. H. Knoche
Acting Director

Attachment a/s

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EMPLOYEE BULLETIN

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Mr. Sorensen asked me this afternoon to convey word of his "tremendous impression" of the very high quality of the personnel in CIA. He particularly appreciates the efforts of those who invested so many long hours in helping him to prepare his planned entry into the position of DCI. He asked that all those involved at all levels from Deputy Directors to Dining Room Staff be given this word and he told me that he wished all of us in the Agency all the best for the future.



E. H. Knoche
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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